

**FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2009

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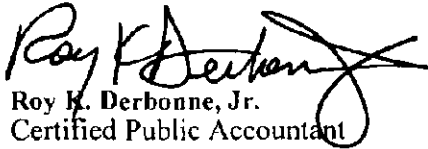
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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Marksville, Louisiana

I have compiled the accompanying statement of financial position of Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.



Roy K. Derbonne, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

Alexandria, Louisiana
May 14, 2010

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Marksville, Louisiana

Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,271
Accounts receivable	<u>55,102</u>
Total current assets	<u>104,373</u>
Fixed assets:	
Building and improvements	185,618
Equipment	183,522
Trucks	<u>442,132</u>
Total fixed assets	811,272
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(440,268)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>371,004</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 475,377</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Current portion of long term debt	\$ 17,720
Accounts payable	-
Accrued interest payable	<u>1,049</u>
Total current liabilities	18,769
Long-Term liabilities:	
Notes payable (net of current portion)	<u>103,416</u>
Total liabilities	<u>122,185</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted net assets -	
Operations	104,373
Fixed assets	<u>248,819</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>353,192</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 475,377</u>

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Statement of Activities
(Unaudited)
For the year Ended December 31, 2009

Support and revenue:	
Support	
Contributions	\$ 1,080
Total support	<u>1,080</u>
Revenue	
Ad valorem taxes	57,117
Fire insurance rebate	10,148
Miscellaneous	283
Grants	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	<u>67,548</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>68,628</u>
Expenses:	
Fuel	1,112
Depreciation	46,294
Bank Charges	46
Utilities	1,502
Awards and Donations	1,440
Insurance	8,941
Meeting expense	1,762
Office	1,565
Repairs	6,310
Telephone	496
Uniforms	748
Accounting	1,161
Fireman per diem	4,610
Other	<u>648</u>
Total expenses	<u>76,635</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(8,007)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Gain on sale of assets	3,525
Interest expense	<u>(8,223)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(4,698)</u>
Change in net assets	(12,705)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>365,897</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$353,192</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)
For the year Ended December 31, 2009

Cash flows provided for operating activities:	
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (12,705)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided for operating activities -	
Depreciation	46,294
Increase in accounts receivable	(2,384)
Increase in interest payable	<u>1,049</u>
Total adjustments	<u>44,959</u>
Net cash provided for operating activities	<u>32,254</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:	
Proceeds of long term financing	137,980
Principal paid on note	(16,844)
Purchase of equipment and truck	<u>(224,870)</u>
 Total cash used for investing activities	<u>(103,734)</u>
 Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(71,480)
 Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>120,751</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 49,271</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fire Department

The Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Fire Department) was incorporated on March 13, 1985 as a nonprofit corporation as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes of R. S. 1950 Title 12, Chapter 2, as amended. The Fire Department operates under a Board of Directors consisting of a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer and is elected on an annual basis. The members of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. vote on all matters brought before the Board. The Fire Department serves approximately 1,551 structures and meetings are held quarterly. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies.

A. Financial Statement Presentation:

The Fire Department adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Fire Department is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets (unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets) based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Fire Department also adopted SFAS No. 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made" in accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. In addition, the Fire Department has not received any contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that would result in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

B. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

C. Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into cash within ninety (90) days of purchase.

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D. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1st and are due and payable on or before December 31. All unpaid taxes become delinquent January 2 of the following year. The taxes are assessed by the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office and collected by the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office. The taxes are then remitted to the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury on behalf of Fire Protection District No. 2. The Fire Department is one of 14 members in this District. After deducting a fee of \$20,000 to defray the expenses of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Protection District, each member is guaranteed a base amount of \$25,000. Any remaining funds are distributed to the members on a basis of structures served.

E. Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net asset classes. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

F. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets acquired by the Fire Department are considered to be owned by it.

The Fire Department follows the practice of capitalizing, at cost, all expenditures for fixed assets. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets generally as follows:

Building and improvements	15- 30 years
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	10-20 years

The net fixed asset balance has been recorded as a separate component in unrestricted net assets.

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Notes to Financial Statements

(2) Deposits and Investments

Deposits

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Fire Department's deposits was \$49,271 and the bank balance was \$49,739. Of the bank balance, \$49,739 was covered by federal depository insurance. Of this amount, \$44,883 was tax monies, which is restricted to be expended on fire equipment and supplies.

Certificates of Deposit

The Fire Department had no Certificates of Deposit at December 31, 2009.

(3) Accounts Receivable

The billed receivable balance at December 31 of \$55,102 consisted of property taxes due from the Fire Protection District No. 2 of \$54,832 and \$270 from the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury.

(4) Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in Property, Plant and Equipment are as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2009
Land and buildings	\$ 185,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,618
Equipment	173,080	10,442	-	183,522
Trucks	283,244	158,888	-	442,132
	<u>\$ 641,942</u>	<u>\$169,330</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 811,272</u>

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(5) Retirement Commitments

Individuals who serve the Fire Department are volunteers; therefore, there is no liability for retirement benefits.

(6) Commitments and Contingencies

As of December 31, 2007 there were no lawsuits against the Fire Department.

(7) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department for the year ended December 31, 2009:

	<u>2009</u>
Long-Term Obligations Payable, Beginning of Year	\$ -
Additions	137,980
Deductions	<u>(16,844)</u>
Long-Term Obligations Payable, End of Year	<u>\$ 121,136</u>

Note payable (current and long-term portion) is financed with Government Capital Corporation.

Note payable at December 31, 2009 consist of the following individual liabilities:

Note Payable

\$137,980 notes, bearing interest at 5% per annum. Final maturity date, November 1, 2015. Annual required payments of \$24,018. Secured by tanker/pumper truck.	\$121,136
Less Current Portion	<u>(17,720)</u>
Total Long-Term Note Payable	<u>\$103,416</u>

Principal and interest payments on the note payable are due on November 1st of each year.

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The annual requirements to amortize all notes and bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2009 are as follows:

<u>December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 17,720	\$ 6,298	\$ 24,018
2011	18,641	5,377	24,018
2012	19,611	4,407	24,018
2013	20,630	3,388	24,018
2014	21,703	2,315	24,018
2015	22,831	1,187	24,018
Totals	<u>\$ 121,136</u>	<u>\$ 22,972</u>	<u>\$ 144,108</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors
Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Marksville, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.'s compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2009 included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

The District expended over \$20,000 on a truck during the year. The truck had special specifications. The District advertised for bids and accepted the lowest bid.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of management as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list. All individuals who serve the Fire Department are volunteers; therefore, there are no employees.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The Fire Department has no employees. All individuals who serve the Fire Department are volunteers.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

The Fire Department has no employees. All individuals who serve the Fire Department are volunteers.

Budgeting

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. is not required to adopt a budget.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the published advertisement in the official journal.

Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. is not required to adopt a budget.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. is not required to adopt a budget.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- a. trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- b. determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

Based on the client's general ledger, there were items that were not coded properly, and have since been corrected when performing the compilation.

- c. determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approval from the proper authorities.

- 9. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or like indebtedness.

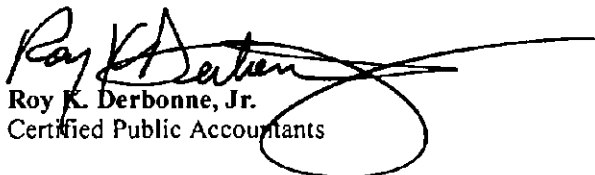
I inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no loan proceeds during the year ended December 31, 2009. However, based on inspection of fixed asset records, I noted a loan to purchase a truck in the amount of \$137,980.

- 10. Examine payroll records for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

There were no such records to examine.

I was not engaged to and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


Roy K. Derbonne, Jr.
Certified Public Accountants

Alexandria, Louisiana
May 14, 2010